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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hans Heinrich Heidtmann, et al.

Title: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR
EXPRESSING ACTIVE
SUBSTANCES WHICH CAN BE
ACTIVATED BY PROTEASES,
AND PREPARATION AND USE

Appl. No.: 09/256,237

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Examiner: Minh-Tam B. Davis

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.11

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action of August 31, 2000. A response is due November 30, 2000. Applicants therefore do not believe that any fees or Petition for Extension of Time are due. In the event this is not correct, applicants request this be considered a Petition for Extension of Time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the undersigned's account No. 19-0741, as appropriate. Please amend the application, as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 25, to read as follows. A marked-up version of claim 25 showing where the previous claim has been amended is attached.

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25. (Twice Amended) A polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid construct comprising the following nucleic acid sequences in the following order:

- C1*
a) at least one promoter element operably linked to;